

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Yvonne Wood for meritorious
service as Chair of the Tennessee Economic
Council on Women.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can and should all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Wood is one such noteworthy person, who for the past two years
has served with distinction as Chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood has championed women's issues throughout her life, including
lobbying for the very legislation that created the Economic Council on Women; and

WHEREAS, She has accomplished these goals in addition to her work as President of
her company, Wood Consultants; and

WHEREAS, Having accepted positions in a number of women's organizations, including
CABLE, the Tennessee Women's Political Caucus, and the Athena Foundation, she has proven
herself to be an energetic and devoted leader; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood has mentored women throughout the state of Tennessee, opening the doors of opportunity for them; and

WHEREAS, She is grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her most patient and supportive husband; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Mrs. Wood served state government with diligence, integrity, and passion in several capacities, including Director of Program Integrity for the TennCare/Medicaid program, Executive Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation, and Director of Government Relations with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, A devoted Democrat, she is also a great bi-partisan leader; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood has received the highest of praise from her fellow members of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, who compliment her leadership as demanding, yet patient, and thank her for serving with optimism and grace; and

WHEREAS, Yvonne Wood is a model for all women in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, We find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Yvonne Wood for her dedication to the women of Tennessee and indeed to all citizens of this state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Yvonne Wood for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee as Chair of the Tennessee Economic Council on Women, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.